

# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington DC 20463

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July 13, 2010

#### **MEMORANDUM**

SENSITIVE

TO:

THE COMMISSION

THROUGH:

**ALEC PALMER** 

**ACTING STAFF DIRECTOR** 

FROM:

PATRICIA CARMONA PL

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

BY:

NATALIYA IOFFE/RHIANNON MAGRUDER

COMPLIANCE BRANCH

SUBJECT:

REASON TO BELIEVE RECOMMENDATION – 2010 12 DAY PRE-PRIMARY REPORT (IOWA AND SOUTH CAROLINA) FOR

THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROGRAM

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to timely file the 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report for the Iowa and South Carolina Primary Elections in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). The 12 Day Pre-Primary Report was due on May 27, 2010, and the Primary Elections were held on June 8, 2010.

The committees listed on the attached RTB Circulation Report failed to file the election sensitive report by the required due date. Election sensitive reports filed more than four days prior to the election are considered late, and reports not filed more than four days prior to the election are considered not filed. In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 CFR § 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

#### Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

# Federal Election Commission Reason to Believe Circulation Report 2010 PRE-PRIMARY Election Sensitive 05/27/2010 AUTH (IA, SC)

AF#	AF# Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	₽	Treasurer Threshold PV Receipt Date Days Late LOA RTB Penalty	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
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2151	2151 C00473959	MATT CAMPBELL FOR CONGRESS	CAMPBELL, MATTHEW	MATTHEW	\$137,412	0	6/3/2010	7	\$49,016	\$505

# BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (Iowa and South Curolina) for the Administrative Fine	)	
Program: MATT CAMPBELL FOR CONGRESS, and MATTHEW CAMPBELL as treasurer;	)	AF# 2151

# **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clark of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on July 15, 2010 the Commission took the

following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2010 12 Day Pre
Primary Report (Iowa and South Carolina) for the Administrative Fine Program as

recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated July 13, 2010,

on the following committees:

AF#2151 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MATT CAMPBELL FOR CONGRESS, and MATTHEW CAMPBELL as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



July 16, 2010

Matthew Campbell, in official capacity as Treasurer Matt Campbell for Congress P.O. Box 597 Sioux City, IA 51101

C00473959 AF#: 2151

Dear Mr. Campbell:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a 12 Day Pre-Primary Report of Receipts and Disbursements in any calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election for which the candidate is seeking election, or nomination for election. This report, covering the period through May 19, 2010, shall be filed no later than May 27, 2010. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was filed on 6/3/2010, seven (7) days late.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4). On July 15, 2010, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Matt Campbell for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before May 27, 2010. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$505. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-111.46. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment of \$505 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by August 24, 2010, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$49,016 Number of Days Late: 7

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

# 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street,

NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or August 24, 2010. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money ponalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted or the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control, 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be eonsidered reasonably unforessen and boyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or hiternet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing softward properly. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

## 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Chaltenge

If you do not pay the colculated civil money penalty and do not sobmit a written response, the FiIC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Matt Campbell for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. § 111.51(a)(2).

# 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Rhiamon Magruder in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Matthew S. Petersen

Chairman

# **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$505 for the 2010 Pre-Primary Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by August 24, 2010. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

## **PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK**

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

## PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Matt Campbell for Congress

FEC ID#: C00473959

AF#: 2151

PAYMENT DUE DATE: August 24, 2010

**PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$505** 



September 1, 2010

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

THE COMMISSION

THROUGH:

ALEC PALMER

ACTING STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM:

PATRICIA CARMONA M for PC

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

DEBBIE CHACONALIC

ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

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BY:

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REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

COMPLIANCE BRANCH

SUBJECT:

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROGRAM – FINAL DETERMINATION

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2010 12 DAY PRE-PRIMARY REPORT

(IOWA)

Attached is the name of a political committee and its treasurer against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed a proposed civil money penalty calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2010 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (Iowa). The committee has paid the civil money penalty requested at RTB.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to the respondent that has paid the civil money penalty.

#### RAD Recommendation

- (1) Make final determination that the political committee and its treasurer on the attached report violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated.
- (2) Send the appropriate letter.

Federal Election Commission
FD Circulation Report Review - Fine Paid
2010 PRE-PRIMARY Election Sensitive 05/27/2010 AUTH (IA)

AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee ID	Treasurer	Receipt Date Days Late LOA	Days Late	FOA	₹	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	Final Money Penalty	PV RTB Date RTB Penalty Final Money Date Paid Penalty	Amount
2151	MATT CAMPBELL FOR CONGRESS	CAMPBELL, MATTHEW C00473959	C00473959	MATTHEW CAMPBELL	06/03/2010	1	\$49,441	0	07/15/2010	\$505	\$505	07/30/2010	\$505

# BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)
AF Program – Final Determination	) AF 2151
Recommendation for the 2010 12 Day	)
Pre-Primary Report (IOWA): Matt	)
Campbell for Congress and Matthew	)
Campbell, as treasurer	)

# **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on September 02, 2010, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in AF 2151:

- 1. Make a final determination that Matt Campbell for Congress and Matthew Campbell, as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess the final money penalty in the amount of \$505.
- 2. Send the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



September 8, 2010

Matthew Campbell, in official capacity as Treasurer Matt Campbell for Congress P.O. Box 597
Sioux City, IA 51101

C00473959 AF#: 2151

Dear Mr. Campbell:

On July 15, 2010, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Matt Campbell for Congress and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2010 Pre-Primary Report. By letter dated July 16, 2010, the Commission sent notification of the RTB finding that included a civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage of \$505 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

On July 30, 2010, the FEC received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The FEC made a final determination on that you, in your official capacity as treasurer, and Matt Campbell for Congress violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$505 is accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, and voted to close the file.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at anytime following certification of the Commission's vote.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ian Wandner on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

Matthew S. Petersen

Chairman

FOR: Matt Campbell for Congress

FEC ID#: C00473959

AF#: 2151 \_

PAYMENT DUE DATE: August 24, 2010

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$505

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